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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT: The Muldoon Visit - Friday, July 24, 1981

This will be Prime Minister Muldoon's first trip to Washington in almost four years. With a difficult election facing him in November, Muldoon sees his Washington visit as perhaps the best opportunity to show the New Zealand people that he is an international leader of some stature who is taken seriously in Washington.

In Secretary Haig's memorandum, five valid objectives for the visit are outlined. In addition, however, three other points should be mentioned:

- The Ottawa Summit. Muldoon would be highly complimented by your giving him a candid appraisal of developments at the Ottawa Summit. The fact that you had taken him into your confidence on this matter would be helpful in giving him the stature he seeks.
- New Zealand's role in the Southwest Pacific. For more than twenty years, New Zealand has played a special role in helping to shepherd the emerging island nations of the Southwest Pacific through the development process. Eleven countries have become independent in this region over the last twenty years, and as many as ten more are due for independence in the near future. New Zealand gives most of its development aid to these nations and has been extraordinarily sensitive to their problems. In dealing with this issue, it would be well to:
 - * Recognize what New Zealand has done and thank them for it.
 - * Cite our own Caribbean development plan as a similar effort designed to help newly independent island nations move through the development process responsibly.

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- * Indicate that the United States will become increasingly interested in supporting New Zealand's efforts in the Pacific.
- A reference to Mr. Muldoon's November election. An expression of hope that he will emerge victorious would be most welcome by him.

Attached are talking points covering the three issues raised in this paper and the five in Secretary Haig's memorandum. Also attached are 3x5 cards, carrying brief reminders of these same points.

RECOMMENDATION

That you use the attached talking points in your meeting with Prime Minister Muldoon.

Attachments

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SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR THE MULDOON VISIT

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In your Private Meeting:

- Express appreciation for New Zealand's strong support in countering Soviet expansionism and our continued intention to consult closely with them.
- Report to Muldoon significant developments at the Ottawa Summit.
- Stress our determination to establish stability in the Middle East. As part of this, express the hope that New Zealand will contribute to the Sinai Multi-national Force.

During the Working Lunch:

- Express thanks for what New Zealand has done in helping the new island nations of the Southwest Pacific, drawing a parallel to our efforts in the Caribbean.
- Assure Muldoon that our review of the Law of the Sea Treaty continues and that we have reached no final decisions regarding it.
- Outline our policy toward Asia, dealing with China in particular, assuring Muldoon that we will consult closely.
- Assure Muldoon that we will give full consideration to the continuing need for New Zealand to market its agricultural products in this country.
- Wish Muldoon well in November's election.

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**SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR JULY 24
WORKING LUNCHEON WITH MULDOON**

- Thanks for New Zealand's support to emerging island nations.
- US position on Law of the Sea.
- US-Asia policy. Close consultation.
- Increased market access for New Zealand products in US.
- Good luck in the November election.

**SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR JULY 24
PRIVATE MEETING WITH MULDOON**

- Thanks for support against the Soviets.
- Brief on Ottawa Summit.
- New Zealand participation in Sinai Force.

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